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Sir:

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The supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the final action under 37 CFR 1.113. Accordingly, a check in the amount of \$180.00 is provided.

STATEMENT

Most references cited on Form SB/08B were cited in related application serial number 09/111,884. The Diemy and Huang articles are related to the Diemy patent cited in the previous office action.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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